GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COCO PETROL/DIESEL PUMPS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the total number of petrol/diesel pumps owned by oil companies which are located in Gujarat, company-wise, separately;

(b): whether the Government are aware that many such pumps in Gujarat are being run in fictitious names and are selling adulterated petrol;

(c): if so, the details of such cases that came to the notice of the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(d): whether the Government have conducted/propose to conduct any survey to find out such cases; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): As on 1.10.2001, there were 1139 retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) in operation in the State of Gujarat, company-wise distribution of which was as under:-

Oil Company	Number of retail outlets
Indian Oil Corpn. Ltd.	471
Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	289
Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	254
IBP Co. Ltd.	125
Total	1139

(b) to (e): Government are not aware of any retail outlets running in fictitious names and selling adulterated petrol. Oil Marketing Companies (OMC) conduct periodical inspections and checking against adulteration.However, in the last three years, a total of 4 ROs were terminated on account of benami operation.